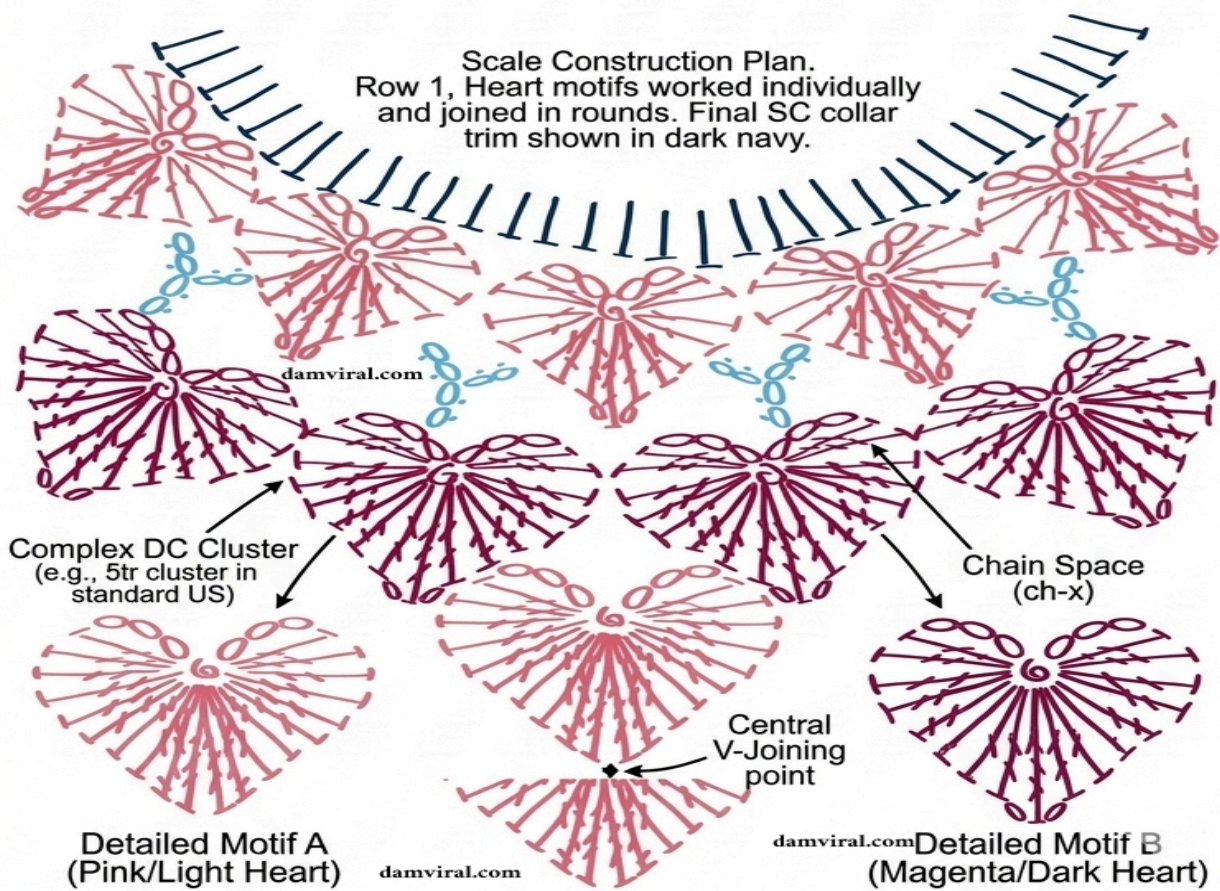
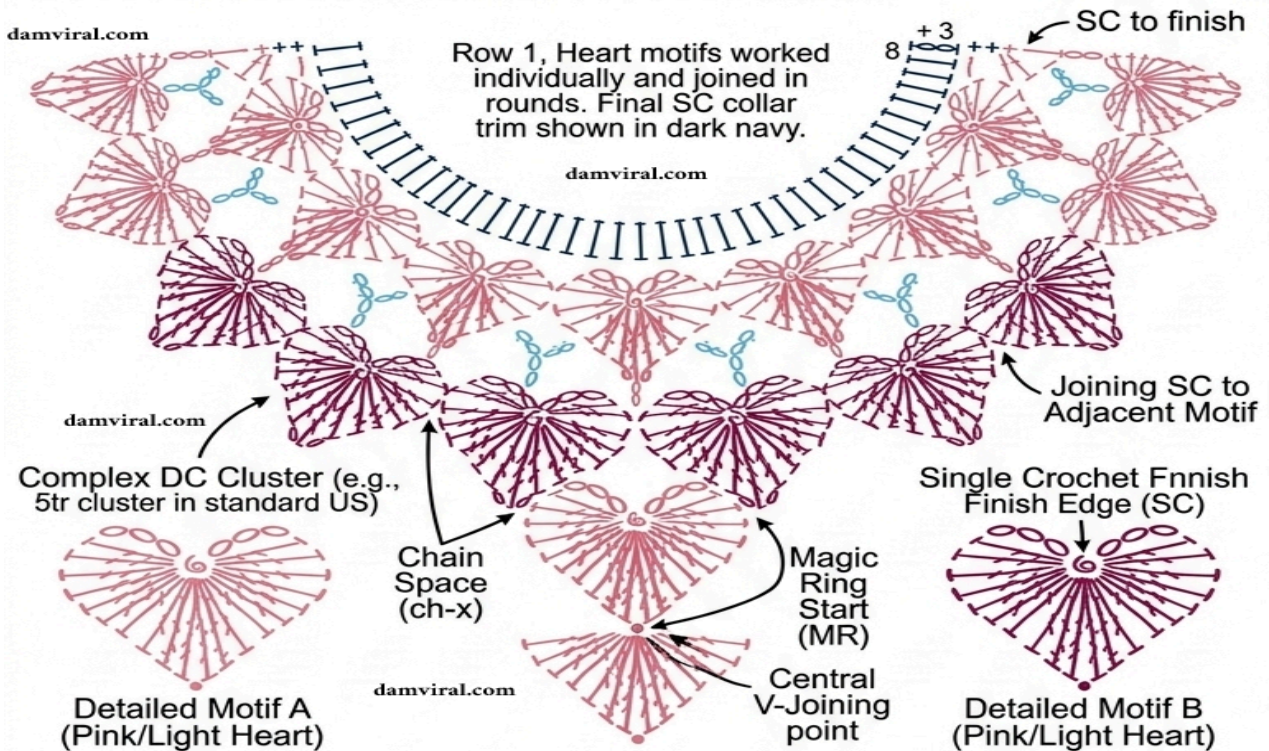


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# Crochet Heart Motif Collar Tutorial

*A complete step-by-step guide inspired by the chart provided*

This tutorial teaches you how to crochet a beautiful scalloped heart collar made from individual heart motifs joined together in rounds. The design uses alternating light and dark hearts with decorative chain spaces and a final single crochet neckline trim.



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The instructions are written in standard US crochet terminology and are designed so beginners and intermediate crocheters in the USA can follow from start to finish.

## Materials Needed

- Worsted weight cotton or acrylic yarn in:
  - Light pink
  - Dark magenta or burgundy
  - Light blue (optional decorative connectors)
  - Dark navy for neckline trim
- Crochet hook:
  - 4.0 mm (G/6) recommended
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

## Skill Level

Intermediate beginner to intermediate

You should know how to make:

- Magic Ring (MR)
- Chain (ch)
- Slip Stitch (sl st)
- Single Crochet (sc)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Treble Crochet (tr)
- Cluster stitches
- Joining motifs

## Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- st = stitch
- sp = space
- rep = repeat

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## Understanding the Construction

The collar is made from:

- Individual heart motifs
- Joined side-by-side using chain spaces and slip stitches
- Built in curved rows to create a necklace/collar shape
- Finished with a navy single crochet neckline trim

The chart shows:

- Light pink hearts = first row motifs
- Dark magenta hearts = second row motifs
- Blue chains = decorative joining chains
- Navy stitches = neckline edging

## How the Heart Motif Works

Each heart begins from a central magic ring.

The motif is built in a fan shape using clustered double crochets that expand outward to create the heart curves.

The bottom point of the heart is formed using a V-join point.

## Step 1 — Make the Magic Ring

Start with a Magic Ring (MR).

Inside the MR:

- ch 3 (counts as first dc)
- work 11 dc into the ring
- tighten the ring gently

You now have the center base for the heart.

Join with sl st to top of beginning ch-3.

## Step 2 — Create the Left Side of the Heart

Now begin shaping one half of the heart.

Into the next stitch:

- ch 3
- work 2 dc

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- ch 2
- work 3 dc into same stitch

This creates a shell cluster.

In the next stitches:

- work 2 dc in each stitch around the curve

The increases help form the rounded top edge.

At the outer edge:

- ch 3
- sl st into next stitch

### Step 3 — Form the Bottom V Point

At the bottom center:

Into the center stitch:

- work 3 dc
- ch 2
- 3 dc

This creates the pointed base of the heart.

This is the “Central V-Joining Point” shown in the chart.

### Step 4 — Create the Right Side of the Heart

Repeat the same shaping from the left side.

Work:

- 2 dc clusters
- shell increases
- chain spaces

Mirror the stitches evenly so both sides match.

Finish with:

- sl st into beginning stitch

Fasten off if making separate motifs.

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## Step 5 — Make Multiple Hearts

Create enough hearts to form the collar shape.

Suggested amount:

### Top Row (light pink)

Make 7 hearts

### Bottom Row (dark magenta)

Make 5 hearts

The lower hearts sit between the upper hearts in a staggered arrangement.

## Step 6 — Joining the Hearts Together

The motifs are joined while crocheting or afterward with slip stitches.

### Side Joining Method

Between adjacent hearts:

- ch 2
- sl st into neighboring heart edge
- ch 2
- continue crocheting

The chart labels these as:

“Joining SC to Adjacent Motif”

You can also use:

- sc joins
- whip stitch joins
- slip stitch joins

for stronger structure.

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## Step 7 — Add Decorative Blue Chain Spaces

The blue decorative shapes shown in the chart are simple chain connectors.

Make:

- ch 5
- sl st into joining point
- ch 5
- sl st into next joining point

These create floating decorative accents between hearts.

Repeat wherever desired between motifs.

## Step 8 — Build the Curved Collar Shape

Lay the hearts flat before joining completely.

Arrange them in a curve like a necklace.

### Top Row Arrangement

Use the lighter hearts along the neckline.

### Bottom Row Arrangement

Place darker hearts between the upper hearts.

This creates the scalloped layered effect visible in the chart.

Ensure:

- heart points face downward
- rounded tops face upward
- spacing remains symmetrical

## Step 9 — Crochet the Neckline Trim

Using dark navy yarn:

Attach yarn to one upper corner.

Work evenly across the entire neckline edge:

- 1 sc in each stitch
- 1 sc in each chain space

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At curves:

- place 2 sc together if needed for shaping

Continue across all motifs.

At the opposite end:

- ch 8 for closure loop

Then:

- sl st to finish

Fasten off and weave in ends.

## Optional Closure Ideas

You may add:

- ribbon ties
- buttons
- snap closures
- crochet chain ties

A satin ribbon looks especially elegant with this design.

## Color Suggestions

### Romantic Style

- blush pink
- wine
- ivory

### Vintage Style

- cream
- dusty rose
- burgundy

### Modern Style

- black
- red
- silver-gray

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## Blocking Instructions

Blocking helps the hearts open beautifully.

### Wet Blocking

1. Lightly soak the collar
2. Roll in towel to remove excess water
3. Pin each heart into shape
4. Allow to dry completely

Focus on:

- rounded tops
- pointed bottoms
- symmetrical spacing

### Finished Size

Approximate measurements:

- Width: 16–22 inches
- Depth: 5–8 inches

Size changes depending on:

- yarn weight
- hook size
- number of motifs

### Beginner Tips

#### If the hearts curl

Your tension may be too tight.

Use:

- a larger hook
- looser stitches

#### If the collar waves too much

Reduce increases slightly near the top curves.

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## If motifs look uneven

Block each motif individually before joining.

## Advanced Customization ✨

You can easily turn this design into:

- shawl edging
- table runner trim
- blouse collar
- Valentine garland
- wall hanging
- lace yoke
- bridal accessory

## Quick Heart Motif Formula ❤️

For each heart:

1. Magic Ring
2. Center dc cluster
3. Shell increases
4. V-point center
5. Mirror shaping
6. Join neighboring motifs

## Final Thoughts 💖

This crochet heart collar combines lace structure with layered romantic motifs. The staggered heart arrangement creates beautiful movement and elegant texture while remaining lightweight and wearable.